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1. [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING I took a call from Dr. Robert Greenburg, Assistant Director to the Deputy Director for Research Engineering, Department of Defense. Dr. Greenburg works in special and advance systems and was interested in setting up a briefing for members of the staff of the House Armed Services Committee on Soviet capability in the high energy laser field. Greenburg had called [REDACTED] OSI, to set up the briefing and [REDACTED] referred him to OLC. Staff members to be briefed are Tom Hahn and Harold Rosenbaum. They wanted to have the briefing at Headquarters on Thursday, October 2. I called [REDACTED] of DDS&T, to find out what this was all about and he told me that [REDACTED] had received a call from the Committee staff on the same matter. It was decided that [REDACTED] would do the follow up on this item and I called Greenburg to tell him that we would work directly with the House Armed Services Committee. He was happy to get out of the middle of the matter. He suggested we might want to include Hyman Fine, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, in the briefing. I told him we would throw that into the equation and that he would be getting a call from Mike West, of the House Armed Services Committee staff, once this thing had been worked out.

2. [REDACTED] LIAISON Met with Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.) and left with him the background material on the need for a secret budget. I mentioned to him that the House Appropriations Committee had voted to keep the budget secret and that possibly an amendment to publish the budget would be offered from the floor. He said that I had caught him sort of cold on the subject and he didn't know which way he would go. I pointed out to him the Director's position on the need for keeping the budget secret and the reasons therefor. I also left with him a fact sheet on the House Select Committee impasse. I pointed out to him that the real issue was not passage of information to Congress which we were happy to do, but control of that information once it had been passed. We discussed the [REDACTED] matter and he stated that he could not see his way clear to change his vote. He thought it was a poor time to bring it up unless the Executive was sure it had the votes. Re: the GAO/ Mayaguez study he said he had not had a chance to talk to GAO and that if we got any further calls from GAO to let him know. Fascell was very amiable and talkative and thanked me for stopping by and bringing these matters to his attention.

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